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REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the December 12, 2005 Office Action. Claims 1-59 were pending. The December 12, 2005 Office Action indicates that claims 1-45 are allowed. By this Amendment, new dependent claims 60-63 have been added, and claims 46, 49 and 55 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 46-63 are presented for reconsideration, with claims 46 and 55 being in independent form.

Claims 46 and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,650,440 to Wing. Claims 47-50 and 56-59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as purportedly obvious over Wing.

Applicant has carefully considered the Examiner's comments and the cited art, and respectfully submits that independent claims 46 and 55 as amended are patentable over the cited art, for at least the following reasons.

Claims 46 and 55 are directed to a transmitting device comprising an inputting device, a transmitting unit, a mail creating unit and a mail transmitting unit. The mail creating unit creates a mail for notifying a result of the transmission of the image information after the transmission of the image information is completed. The mail transmitting unit transmit the mail to an address corresponding to the request. The mail includes additional information about the transmission. Thus, the mail enables a sender of image information to easily confirm status of the transmission and additional information about the transmission (such as a total number of pages of the transmitted image information, a communication charge for the transmission, a time at which the transmission was completed, the reception ability information of the transmission destination., etc.).

Wing, as understood by Applicant, is directed to a communication system for transmission of facsimile information using an e-mail message from a sending fax device to a

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receiving fax device through a sending fax-over-email gateway, a receiving fax-over-email gateway, and a plurality of mailers.

Wing proposes that in order to for the sending fax device to obtain status of transmission of the message, the sending fax-over-email gateway 206 can send a confirmation request message with the email message. However, Wing indicates that the response to the confirmation request message is one of the following: "Relay DSN"; "Delivery Success"; "Delivery Failure"; and "Delayed Delivery".

Wing does not teach or suggest that the response can include additional information about the transmission, such as a total number of pages of the transmitted image information, a communication charge for the transmission, a time at which the transmission was completed, the reception ability information of the transmission destination., etc.

Applicant simply does not find disclosure or suggestion in the cited art of a transmitting device comprising an inputting device, a transmitting unit, a mail creating unit and a mail transmitting unit, wherein the mail creating unit creates a mail for notifying a result of the transmission of the image information after the transmission of the image information is completed, the mail transmitting unit transmit the mail to an address corresponding to the request, and the mail includes additional information about the transmission, as provided by the claimed invention of new independent claims 46 and 55.

Accordingly, for at least the above-stated reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 46 and 55, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentable over the cited art.

The Office Action indicates that claims 51-54 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, since independent claim 46 is

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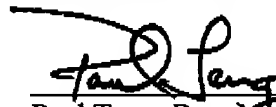
submitted to be patentable over the cited art, no changes to the form of claims 51-54 are believed to be necessary.

In view of the amendments to the claims and remarks hereinabove, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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